Exchange in the Jhanjharpur sub-division of Madhubani district of Bihar since May 1991, S.T.D. facilities have become available in Jhanjharpur. But this facility is available only one way. The S.T.D. Code Number for Jhanjharpur is 062731 from Delhi and other places. This number has not yet been fed in the computer. As a result, S.T.D. contact on telephones to Jhanjharpur is missing causing great inconvenience to the repreesentatives of the people, officials and general public.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to feed immediately S.T.D. Code No. 062731 in the Computer to provide proper S.T.D. facility between Delhi and other places to Jhanjharpur keeping in view the public interest.

(v) Need for early solution to Jharkhand problem

SHRI SURAJ MANDAL (Godda): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in 1988, a 22 member committee under the convenorship of Shri B.S.Tali had been constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs to look into the matters leading to the agitaion for the Jharkhand state. That committee visited Bihar, Bengal, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh and submitted its report on 18 May, 1990 to the Ministry of Home Affairs. But the problem is still unresolved. Now the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha has declared its intertion to launch a fresh agitation.

So, I would like to request the Government to invite the agitationists for a dialogue in order to solve this problem.

(vi) Need to extand local trains run by the Western Railway in Bombay upto Dahanu Road in Maharashtra

[English]

SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE (Aurangabad): Sir, thousands of people travel daily from Boiser, Palghar, Vangaon, Safala, Vaitana, Kelwa Road and Dahanu Road to Bombay for work and daily chores. The local trains of Bombay, run by the Western Railway, presently run up to only Virar. As such, the prople living beyond Virar and up to Dahanu Road have to suffer a lot. Large number of workers who cannot afford to leave in the metropolitan city of Bombay are living in these areas and their only mode of transport is the rail. However, in the absence of local trains, they have to spend three to four hours daily commuting to their place of work and back. Sometimes they are stuck up for even more time. Therefore, there is urgent need for the extension of local trains run by the Western Railway in Bombay up to Dahanu Road for mitigating the sufferings of the common man.

(vii) Need to recognise Malabar Rebellion of 1921 as Freedom Struggle and to provide freedom fighters pension to those who participated in that movement

SHRI E. AHAMED (Manjeri): There were several struggles for freedom from British colonial regime and the West coast Malabar Rebellion of 1921 is one such struggle for the independence of the nation and was an integral part of Khilafath Movement led by Mahatma Gandhi and Ali Brothers. This agrarian revolt was led by freedom fighter Shri Ali Musaliar, a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi. Ali Musaliar was sentenced to death by the British regime for having revolted against colonial power. But Government of India has not recognised Malabar Rebellion of 1921 as struggle for independence. Nationalist leaders like late K.P. Kesave Menon, K. Madhava Menon (former Madras Minister), Mohammed Abdul Rahman, Brehmadatha Namboodiripad and living freedom fighter, octogenarian moiden Moulabi(former M.P.) -all advocated and appealed to Government of India in this respect. Though assurance was given by former Prime Minister, late Shrimati Indira Gandhi, it has not been recognised so far. I, therefore, request the Government and the hon. Home Minister to recognise Malabar REbellion of 1921 as Freedom Struggle and provide pension to those freedom fighters who languished in prison for years for participating in the Malabar Rebellion.